

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A capsule system for oral delivery of an active agent ~~having a low aqueous solubility~~, said capsule system comprising:

an active retinoid agent ~~having low aqueous solubility~~;

a vehicle ~~means~~—for initially dissolving the active agent;

an emulsifier ~~means~~—for promoting self-emulsification of the active agent and vehicle ~~means~~ in the gastrointestinal tract; and

a capsule shell ~~means~~—for encapsulating the active agent, vehicle ~~means~~, and emulsifier ~~means~~ as a non-emulsified, homogeneous mixture, said capsule shell ~~means~~ being formulated to open upon ingestion into said gastrointestinal tract and release the active agent and vehicle ~~means~~ mixture, thus enabling self-emulsification of the vehicle ~~means~~, with the active agent dissolved therein in the gastrointestinal tract.

2. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 1 wherein said vehicle ~~means~~ comprises a liquid medium chain triglyceride fully dissolving said active retinoid agent.

3. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 2 wherein said liquid medium chain triglyceride comprises caprylic/capric triglyceride.

4. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 2 wherein said vehicle ~~means~~ is selected from a group consisting of: Ethyl oleate, Isopropyl myristate,

Cetearyl octanoate, Corn oil, Cottonseed oil, Safflower oil, Olive oil, Peanut oil, Soybean oil, and Sesame oil.

5. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 3 wherein said emulsifier ~~means~~ comprises coemulsifiers.

6. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 5 wherein said coemulsifiers comprise Sorbitan Monooleate and Polysorbate 80.

7. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 5 wherein the coemulsifiers are selected from the group consisting of: Sorbitan monooleate, Sorbitan monolaurate, Sorbitan monopalmitate, Sorbitan monostearate, Polysorbate 20, Polysorbate 40, Polysorbate 60 and Polysorbate 80.

8. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 7 wherein said coemulsifiers are selected to match a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance of the caprylic/capric triglyceride.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim ~~9~~8 further comprising an antioxidant present in said vehicle ~~means~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 10 wherein said capsule shell ~~means~~ further comprises an opaque colorant.

12. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 11 wherein the ~~Tazarotene~~active agent is present in the amount of up to about 34 mg/capsule, the antioxidant comprises butylated hydroxyanisole in the amount of about

0.05% w/w, the sorbitan monooleate is present in the amount of about 5.0% w/w, the polysorbate 80 is present in the amount of about 0.25% w/w and the caprylic/capric triglyceride is present in the amount of about 94% w/w.

13. (Currently Amended) A capsule system for oral delivery of an active agent ~~having low aqueous solubility~~, said capsule system comprising:

an active retinoid agent having low aqueous solubility;

a liquid triglyceride fully dissolving said active agent;

an emulsifier ~~means for promoting self-~~ emulsification of the liquid triglyceride and dissolved active agent in a gastrointestinal tract; and

~~capsule shell means for encapsulating the liquid triglyceride with dissolved active agent and emulsifier~~ means as a non-emulsified, homogeneous mixture, said capsule shell means being formulated to open upon ingestion into said gastrointestinal tract and release the mixture, thus enabling self-emulsification of the liquid triglyceride and dissolved active agent in the gastrointestinal tract.

14. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 13 wherein said liquid triglyceride comprises caprylic/capric triglyceride.

15. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 14 wherein said ~~liquid triglyceride~~ emulsifier comprises coemulsifiers.

16. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 15 wherein said coemulsifiers comprise Sorbitan Monooleate and polysorbate 80.

17. (Original) The capsule system according to claim 15 wherein said coemulsifiers are selected to match a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance of the caprylic/capric triglyceride.

18. (Original) The composition comprising the active agent liquid triglyceride, coemulsifiers and emulsifier ~~means~~ of claim 17.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim ~~19-18~~ further comprising an antioxidant present in said vehicle ~~means~~.

21. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 20 wherein said capsule shell ~~means~~ further comprises an opaque colorant.

22. (Currently Amended) The capsule system according to claim 21 wherein the ~~Tazarotene~~ active agent is present in the amount of between about 0.1 mg/capsule and about 34 mg/capsule, the antioxidant comprises butylated hydroxyanisole into an amount of about 0.05% w/w, the sorbitan monooleate is present in the amount of about 5.0% w/w capsule, the polysorbate 80 is present in the amount of about 0.25% w/w and the caprylic/capric triglyceride is present in the amount of about 94% w/w.

Claims 23-27 cancelled.